

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:	ROBERTS, <i>et al.</i>)	ATTORNEY DOCKET:	40304772
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SERIAL NO.:	10/615,797)	GROUP ART UNIT:	1616
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FILED:	July 10, 2003)	EXAMINER:	ALTON NATHANIEL PRYOR
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TITLE:	METAL COMPOUNDS, MIXED OR SULPHATED, AS PHOSPHATE BINDERS			
DATE:	June 22, 2009		CUSTOMER NO.:	26565

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 20, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2009. Further examination of the application is respectfully requested after entry of the amendments proposed herein. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the proposed amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented below. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the following Amendment and Response will place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The original period of response to the Office Action is the shortened statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Office Action. This response is timely filed if filed on or before June 22, 2009 due to June 20, 2009 falling on a Saturday, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.7 and 1.136. Included herein is a petition for a one-month extension of time. In connection with this petition, please find payment in the amount of \$130.00 enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019.

This request and response takes the following form:

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